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## G.A. Lincoln to Senator James O. Eastland, 12 November 1969

George A. Lincoln

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**  
**OFFICE OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

NOV 12 1969

Honorable James O. Eastland  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Eastland:

This responds to a telephone request by Mr. Simpson of your staff to Mr. James Lewis, Chief of my Disaster Assistance Division, regarding tide levels and wind velocities in the Gulf Coast area during Hurricane Camille.

The Weather Bureau informed us that almost all tide gauges and wind velocity measuring devices were damaged and made inoperable in the early stages of Hurricane Camille. Therefore, no official records of tide levels and wind velocities exist in most of the affected areas. The Weather Bureau has made estimates of winds and tides in various locations along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. A list of these estimates is attached.

The United States Coast and Geodetic Survey sent a team to the disaster area to determine high tide marks in several locations. The tidal rise rates could not be determined. A copy of the USCGS report is attached.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers also determined high water marks at several areas. A copy of their findings is attached.

The Weather Bureau has prepared two reports regarding Camille which may be of interest to you. A copy of each is enclosed. These are the only reports on the subject area of which we are aware.

Sincerely,

*G. A. Lincoln*  
G. A. Lincoln  
Director

Enclosures



WINDS ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST

AS DETERMINED BY ESSA

<u>AREA</u>	<u>WINDS</u>
Biloxi	125-150 mph
Gulfport	175 mph
Long Beach	175 mph
Pass Christian	175 mph
Bay St. Louis	175 mph



TIDES: MISSISSIPPI

EXTREME HIGH WATERS  
HURRICANE "CAMILLE"

August 17-18, 1969

High Water Marks as Determined by Precise Levelling. All  
Heights Refer to Sea Level Datum.

LOCATION

MAXIMUM HIGH WATER  
H.W. Mark Above Predictions  
Ft. Ft.

**Biloxi**

Womack Boat Works	15.5	14.4
East End Fire House	15.5	
Dunkate School	16.4	
127 Wameuse St.	16.5	
117 Miramar St.	18.3	

**Bernard Bayou**

Kramer Marine Works	13.4	
Lakeview Apts., Handsboro	13.3	

**Gulfport**

1215 25th Ave.	22.1	21.1
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**Long Beach**

227 Lang Ave.	21.6	
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**Pass Christian**

VFW, E. Beach Blvd. & Fleitas Ave.	22.8	
319 E. Beach Blvd.	22.4	
213 E. Beach Blvd.	22.6	
102 Davis Ave.	22.3	
203 Pecan St.	16.3	
Japanese Gardens Park	19.7	
Henderson Point	16.4	

**Bay St. Louis**

St. Stanislaus College	19.4	18.5
661 N. Beach Blvd.	15.9	



October 27, 1969

Corps of Engineers High Water Marks

Mobile	7.4 ft.
Pascagoula	10 - 11 ft.
Biloxi	15.5 - 20 ft.
Gulfport	20 ft.
Bay St. Louis	20 ft.
Pass Christian	21.4 ft.